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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2001/843)		
Iraq		
Burundi		
Other matters		

3.30 p.m.	4371st (closed) meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A		

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3 p.m.	First meeting of each of the Main Committees	General Assembly Hall
Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen		
Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees	2nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly		

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 13 September 2001

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES *(informal consultations)*

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 *(Core Groups and Coordinators of the agenda items of the Second Committee; Second Committee agenda items and financing for development issues)*

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Friday, 14 September 2001***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-sixth session***GENERAL COMMITTEE**

10 a.m.

1st meeting

Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1)

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**POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN**

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

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High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century)

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)*

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables

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Informal panels

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Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate (24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4370th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist acts that struck New York and other parts of the United States on 11 September 2001

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/861, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Mali, Ukraine, Singapore, Tunisia, Ireland, China, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Norway, Colombia and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/861) before it. The President requested the members of the Council to vote, not by raising their hands but by standing, in a show of unity in the face of the scourge of terrorism.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/861) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1368 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-sixth session

The temporary President, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, Chairman of the delegation of Finland, declared the fifty-sixth session opened.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/345) [137]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/345) concerning 15 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, United States and Uruguay.

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. H.E. Mr. Han Seung-soo (Republic of Korea) was elected President of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly [8]

(a) *Draft resolution (A/56/L.1)*

(b) *Draft decision (A/56/L.2)*

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure and decided to consider draft resolution A/56/L.1 and draft decision A/56/L.2.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the group of African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Greece (on behalf of the Group of Western Europe and Other States) and the United States (as host country).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.1 (resolution 56/1).

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/56/L.2.

The President recalled that, by its decision 55/479 of 12 April 2001, the General Assembly decided that the two-day high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership would be held on Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 September 2001. The President further informed the Assembly that, after consultations with the Chairmen of the regional groups, there was an agreement that the two-day high-level dialogue should take place instead on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001.

The General Assembly decided to hold the two-day high-level dialogue on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual DPI/NGO Conference

The closing session of the fifty-fourth Annual DPI/NGO Conference, on the theme "NGOs Today: Diversity of the Volunteer Experience", will be held today, 13 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Labouisse Hall (UNICEF House). Seating capacity will be limited and admission will be with special pass only, on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the DPI/ NGO Web site (www.un.org/dpi/ngosection) or call the NGO Section (tel.: (212) 963-0786).

Special ceremony

There will be a Peace Bell ringing ceremony in observance of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and the International Day of Peace. The Secretary-General will deliver a peace message. There will also be short statements by the President of the Security Council and the President of the General Assembly. The ceremony will be held on Friday, 14 September 2001, at 9.30 a.m. at the Japanese Garden, in front of the Conference building.

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10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2001/857)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

Other matters

Morning* 4372nd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2001/843)

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

*Tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist acts
that struck the United States*

Staff of all United Nations offices in New York are invited to join a special meeting *today*, 14 September 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to express their solidarity with the people of the host city and country, stricken by terrorists on 11 September. The Secretary-General, the President of the Staff Committee and selected staff members will make remarks. Staff members are encouraged to be in the General Assembly Hall by 10 a.m.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-
1 p.m.1466th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.

1st meeting

Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 103 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

UNHCR

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations
Development Programme and of the United
Nations Population Fund*Second regular session of 2001*11 a.m.-
12 noon 35th meeting Conference
Room 23 p.m.-
6 p.m. 36th meeting Conference
Room 2

1. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters: Assistance to Myanmar [5] (DP/2001/27)

2. UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters: Programme of assistance to Myanmar [7] (DP/FPA/MMR)
3. Pending decisions
4. Organizational matters [1] (DP/2001/CRP.16, CRP.17)

[There will be a meeting of donors *today*, 14 September 2001, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B.]

[There will be an informal meeting on the relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank *today*, 14 September 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.]

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Given the extent of the tragedy in the United States on 11 September 2001, the inauguration of the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, scheduled to be held *today*, 14 September 2001, has been postponed until further notice.

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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP (preparation for the ministerial meeting)

2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 3

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

There will a meeting of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries *today*, 14 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcement

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

The Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction will take place *as scheduled* from 18 to 21 September 2001 in Managua, Nicaragua.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4371st (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 13 September 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4371st meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Guéhenno responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The Main Committees held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Andr  Erd s (Hungary) was elected as Chairman of the First Committee by acclamation.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Hasmy Agam (Malaysia) was elected as Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by acclamation.

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of Romania made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas Da Costa (Portugal) was elected as Chairman of the Second Committee by acclamation.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The representative of Trinidad and Tobago made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai (Oman) was elected as Chairman of the Third Committee by acclamation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Nana Effah-Apenteng (Ghana) was elected as Chairman of the Fifth Committee by acclamation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Italy made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong (Haiti) was elected as Chairman of the Sixth Committee by acclamation.

2nd plenary meeting

The President announced the names of the representatives who had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees and congratulated them.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Cambodia, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mauritania, Nepal, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/56/322)

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/56/322) to authorize the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to meet during the main part of its fifty-sixth session.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special ceremony

There will be a Peace Bell ringing ceremony in observance of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and the International Day of Peace. The Secretary-General will deliver a peace message. There will also be short statements by the President of the Security Council and the President of the General Assembly. The ceremony will be held *today*, 14 September 2001, at 9.30 a.m. at the Japanese Garden, in front of the Conference building.

Special announcement

The United Nations Medical Services Division is working with local authorities to determine whether a blood donation facility can be set up on the premises. In the meantime, those wishing to donate blood immediately may find information regarding the donor groups required as well as the nearest donation centre by calling 1-800-933-2566 or by contacting the Medical Services (tel.: (212) 963-7082).

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Monday, 17 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.

4373rd (closed) meeting*

Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia)

* Open to non-members of the Security Council who wish to attend. Letter of participation is not required.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 10

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 10

Subjects

1. World Food Programme
2. UNHCR

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Monday, 17 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

12 noon-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP OF THE WHOLE

12 noon-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 258th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to elect its new Chairman will be held on Tuesday, 18 September 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1. It would be appreciated if representation at this meeting could be at the ambassadorial level.

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The Facilitator for the informal consultations on the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), will hold a briefing on Wednesday, 19 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2002 on Tuesday, 18 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multi-lateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open from Monday, 17 September, to Tuesday, 24 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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**POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN**

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century)

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables

The first of two ministerial round tables, on the topic "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., in Conference Room 3. The second ministerial round table, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Friday, 21 September, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. There will be no list of speakers for the ministerial round tables.

Informal panels

The first of two informal panels, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairperson, Arab Knowledge Management Society, Cairo; Mr. Salamáno Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Sirous Nasser, CEO, ICT Services Corporation, Teheran.

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Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate

(24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

* Possible rescheduling of the general debate under consideration as announced at the 3rd meeting of the General Committee held on 14 September 2001.

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Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

The Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction will take place from 18 to 21 September 2001 in Managua, Nicaragua.

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views, to take place on 18 and 19 September, is opened at the Department for Disarmament Affairs at United Nations Headquarters. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list are kindly asked to inform the Secretariat (room S-3151B; tel.: (212) 963-4472).

Delegates of States are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted directly to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Mine-Ban Convention, Managua, Nicaragua, to the attention of Mr. Wolfgang Haas, UNDP Managua (fax: 011-505-2-666-909).

As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/france>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4372nd meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2001/843)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/862, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/862).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/862) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1369 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2001/179).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special announcement

The United Nations Medical Services Division is working with local authorities to determine whether a blood donation facility can be set up on the premises. In the meantime, those wishing to donate blood immediately may find information regarding the donor groups required as well as the nearest donation centre by calling 1-800-933-2566 or by contacting the Medical Services (tel.: (212) 963-7082).

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

South Africa

H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:

Viet Nam

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chau

Eastern European States:

Czech Republic

H.E. Mr. Vladimír Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Guyana

Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott

Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:

Greece

H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Iraq (UNMOVIC) (S/2001/833)

Other matters

3.30 p.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Afternoon* 4374th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Sierra Leone

Eleventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2001/857 and Add.1)

Afternoon** 4375th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4374th meeting.

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE11.30 a.m. -
1 p.m.

258th meeting

Conference
Room 1ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS10.30 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 103 p.m. -
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 10*Subjects*

1. World Food Programme
2. Draft report

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON CHILDREN*Extended Bureau meeting*10 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 6DRAFTING GROUP
(*Special session of the General Assembly
on children*)3 p.m. -
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 6

Informal consultations to consider the draft outcome document "A world fit for children" contained in document A/AC.256/CRP.6/Rev.3

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development
Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2002 *today*, 18 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Tuesday, 18 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room B

GROUP OF 77 (on Second Committee agenda items and Financing for Development)

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 3

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 2

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - Trusteeship
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 p.m. - Trusteeship
6 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

The meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries scheduled for *today*, 18 September 2001, at 10 a.m., has been postponed.

The meeting of the Asian Group scheduled for *today*, 18 September 2001, at 3 p.m., has been postponed.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.

3rd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250)

The Facilitator for the informal consultations on the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), will hold a briefing on Wednesday, 19 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

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The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

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The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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*High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for
development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization:
facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world
economy in the twenty-first century)*

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables

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Informal panels

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Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

*General debate (24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)**

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/180).

Monday, 17 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4373rd (closed) meeting

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4373rd meeting, held in private at 3.30 p.m. on 17 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.'

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hans Haekkerup, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo."

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

*International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York,
15 December 1997*

*Ratification: Denmark (31 August 2001)**

*International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimina-
tion. New York, 7 March 1966*

*Accession: Kenya (13 September 2001)**

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

*Ratification: Rwanda (13 September 2001)**

**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to
Universal Participation Focus 2001: Rights of Women
and Children (United Nations Headquarters)**

*Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating
to multilateral treaties deposited with
the Secretary-General*

The above event will take place from 19 September until 5 October 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for the treaty actions to be undertaken in a formal setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 14 August 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693). In the light of the tragic event of last week, it is also advisable for States which are scheduled to undertake treaty actions to again confirm their appointments with the Treaty Section.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the above event will be provided closer to 19 September 2001.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the light of the tragic event of last week, the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations regrets to inform that the official opening of the exhibit "Playgrounds and Toys for Children", scheduled for *today* 18 September 2001, and the press conference, have been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 18 November 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has launched a multi-media Web site honouring his years of service to the Organization (1953-1961) (<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/>).

Following the tragic event of last week, an inter-faith service will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel of the United Nations Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.

closed meeting

Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

11 a.m.

3rd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold a public debate on Thursday, 20 September 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Central African Republic". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -		Conference
1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 10
3 p.m. -		Conference
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the World Food Programme
2. Draft reports
3. Board of Auditors

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

Extended Bureau meeting

3 p.m. -		Conference
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room 6

The Facilitator for the informal consultations on the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), will hold a briefing *today*, 19 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Wednesday, 19 September 2001

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON THIRD COMMITTEE MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

INFORMAL GROUP

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - Trusteeship
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

The meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*), scheduled for today, 19 September 2001, has been postponed to Thursday, 20 September, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Thursday, 20 September 2001***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership:

Russian Federation
Islamic Republic of Iran
Belgium
Saudi Arabia
United States
South Africa
Republic of Korea
Morocco
Cuba
China
Oman
Romania
Mexico
Algeria
Pakistan
Angola
Philippines
Tunisia
Japan
Finland
India
Ghana
Brazil
Malaysia
New Zealand
Norway
Colombia
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Bhutan
Indonesia
Azerbaijan
Nigeria
Israel
Burkina Faso
Croatia
Argentina

The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought
and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take

place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open from Monday, 17 September, to Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

**POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN**

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. All side events related to the special session are also postponed.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

*High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for
development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization:
facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world
economy in the twenty-first century)*

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables-cum-informal panels

The first event, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Salomão Manhica, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Pekka Tarjanne, former Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The second event, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic Social Affairs; and Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1419B.

*General debate (24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)**

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

* Possible rescheduling of the general debate under consideration as announced at the 3rd meeting of the General Committee held on 14 September 2001.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Briefing

Briefing on the Third Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission for Sustainable Development (held in Jakarta, 5-6 September 2001) acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Representatives of Member States, Major Groups and interested organizations are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/france>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1)

Section I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and of the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401, General Assembly resolution 39/88 B, the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and the annex to Assembly resolution 51/241 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 *bis* contained in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to Assembly resolution 55/14 of 3 November 2000 by which the General Assembly amended rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Section II.D

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-sixth session should recess not

later than Tuesday, 11 December 2001 and close on Monday, 9 September 2002.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the First Committee complete its work by Friday, 9 November, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee by Friday, 16 November, the Sixth Committee by Friday, 23 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday, 28 November and the Second and the Fifth Committees by Friday, 7 December 2001.

Section II.E

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 2001, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. The Committee further recommended that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

Section II.F

The General Committee took note of paragraph 16 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General in which it was indicated, *inter alia*, that the general debate would be held from Monday, 24 September to Friday, 5 October 2001.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 indicating a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 18 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the length of statements in debates outside the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 22 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General concerning verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-sixth session.

Section II.I

The General Committee was informed that Haiti was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, concerning General Assembly resolutions.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, to paragraph 5 of its resolution 54/248 C and to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, concerning documentation.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the annex to decision 55/488 and to paragraphs 15 and 17 of the annex to resolution 55/285, also concerning documentation, and which were mentioned in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 32 to 36 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

Section II.N

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 37 and 38 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.O

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 39 and 40 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning special conferences.

Section II.P

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 41 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 42 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the rationalization of the agenda.

In this connection, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 23 to 26 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 *bis* in the addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the clustering and biennialization of the cooperation items.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 44 *ter* in the addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the biennialization of other items.

The General Committee took note of the provision contained in paragraph 45 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the criteria for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Items 1 to 6

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

Items 7 to 20

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Items 21 to 32

With regard to items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda, the General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include a new item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", with items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda becoming sub-items (a) to (l) of new item 21.

Items 33 to 105

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 106

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania and Portugal.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Items 107 to 182

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 183

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Kuwait made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 184

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Nauru, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Nauru made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda as sub-item (m) of new item 21.

Item 185

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Monaco made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Greece, Hungary and Portugal.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Italy, at her request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 186

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Burkina Faso and Nigeria, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso and Nigeria.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 187

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Germany made a statement.

The representative of France made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Senegal and Monaco, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and Monaco.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 188

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Swaziland made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Lesotho, Nauru, Guyana, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mongolia and Argentina, at their requests, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Lesotho, Nauru, Guyana, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mongolia and Argentina.

2nd meeting

Adoption of the agenda (Section III) (continued)

Item 188 (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay, Nicaragua, South Africa, Malaysia, France, the United Kingdom, Cambodia, Guatemala, Malta, Nepal, Hungary, Sierra Leone, Kyrgyzstan, Greece, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Ghana and the Republic of Moldova.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Chad, Tuvalu, Belize, Burkina Faso, Palau, El Salvador, Panama, Malawi, Solomon Islands and Dominica.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Grenada, Marshall Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Liberia, Cyprus, Morocco, Saint Lucia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tajikistan, Iraq, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Mauritius, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Brazil, Gabon, Spain, Ireland, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait, Italy, Angola, Chile, Algeria, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, the Congo, Belarus, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tunisia, Mali, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Burundi, Yemen, Djibouti, Bhutan, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Guinea and Pakistan, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Grenada, Marshall Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Liberia, Cyprus, Morocco, Saint Lucia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tajikistan, Iraq, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Mauritius, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Brazil, Gabon, Spain, Ireland, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait, Italy, Angola, Chile, Algeria, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, the Congo, Belarus, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tunisia, Mali, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Burundi, Yemen, Djibouti, Bhutan, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Guinea and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda (Section III) (continued)

The representative of Honduras made a statement on a point of order.

Item 189

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 190

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda, which was listed in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to resolution 48/264 as well as paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provision contained in paragraph 47 *bis* in the addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

The General Committee took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 48 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dealing with the criteria and procedures for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Item 181

The representative of France made a statement.

The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the item.

Item 182

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 182 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 183

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 183 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 184

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 184 should be considered directly in plenary meeting as sub-item (m) of new item 21.

Item 185

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 185 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 186

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 186 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 187

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 187 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 189

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 189 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 190

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 190 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision in paragraph 50 *bis* contained in the Addendum of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 12

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in paragraph 51 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 18

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Item 21

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provision in paragraph 52 *bis* contained in the Addendum to the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 36

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolution 55/23 of 13 November 2000, by which the Assembly decided to devote two days of plenary meetings at the fifty-sixth session, on 3 and 4 December 2001, to the consideration of the item, including consideration of any follow-up measures, and commemoration of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, and

encouraged Member States and observers to be represented at the highest possible political level.

Item 56

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Item 73

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of Cyprus should be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Item 85

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 85 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Item 109 (c)

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/193 of 20 December 2000, and to the decision taken at the first plenary meeting of the fifty-sixth session, on 12 September 2001, regarding the dates of the high-level dialogue, to the effect that the high-level dialogue would take place on 20 and 21 September 2001, and that it would consist of plenary meetings, ministerial round-table meetings and informal panels, with the participation of non-governmental organizations actors, and that the final outcome of the dialogue would be a summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event.

Item 120

The General Committee decided draw the attention of the Assembly to resolution 55/57 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly decided that two plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth session would be devoted to volunteering, to coincide with the close of the International Year of Volunteers on 5 December 2001.

Item 124

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with item 124 (Advancement of women), the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 111 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 60 of document A/BUR/56/1 and in its Add.1.

Plenary items

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in documents A/BUR/56/1 and in its Add.1, including the new cooperation item 21 and sub-items (a) to (m) replacing items 21 through 32 and 184 of the draft agenda; deleting item 38; including item 183; and excluding item 73.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India".

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1 and its Add.1, including item 38.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, taking into account its decision to defer its recommendation on the allocation of item 181 entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations".

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/56/1, including items 182, 185, 186, 187 and 190.

Announcement

The General Committee was informed by its Chairman that a possible rescheduling of the general debate was under consideration.

Tuesday, 18 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL**4374th meeting***The situation in Sierra Leone**Eleventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2001/857 and Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/874, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations, and made an oral revision to the text in its provisional form.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/874) before it, as orally revised in its provisional form.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/874), as orally revised in its provisional form, received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1370 (2001).

4375th meeting*Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an explanatory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore and Colombia.

The Council adopted its report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/2001/876.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY**COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

258th meeting

Election of the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

The Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal) as Chairman.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL***Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998*

Acceptance: Tuvalu (6 September 2001)*

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Accession: Belarus (13 September 2001)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation in the Convention by virtue of accession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972: Belarus (13 September 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Sierra Leone (17 September 2001)*

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Signature: Brazil (18 September 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to
Universal Participation Focus 2001: Rights of Women
and Children (United Nations Headquarters)***Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating
to multilateral treaties deposited with
the Secretary-General*

The above event will take place from today, 19 September, until 5 October 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for the treaty actions to be undertaken in a formal setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 14 August 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693). In the light of the tragic event of last week, it is also advisable for States which are scheduled to undertake treaty actions to again confirm their appointments with the Treaty Section.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Burundi

Other matters

3 p.m.

4376th (closed) meeting

Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Angola

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of Interior of Angola

(continued overleaf)

Announcements

The Security Council will hold a public debate on Friday, 21 September 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

The Security Council will hold a public debate on Friday, 21 September 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Central African Republic". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

Afternoon*	4377th meeting	Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. The situation in Angola		

Afternoon**	4378th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda		
2. The situation in Burundi		

* To be held following the adjournment of the 4376th (closed) meeting.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]:

Russian Federation
 Islamic Republic of Iran
 Belgium
 Saudi Arabia
 United States
 South Africa
 Republic of Korea
 Morocco
 China
 Romania
 Mexico
 Algeria
 Pakistan
 Angola
 Philippines
 Tunisia
 Japan
 India
 Ghana
 Brazil
 Malaysia
 New Zealand
 Norway
 Colombia
 Belarus
 Kazakhstan

Bhutan
Indonesia
Azerbaijan
Nigeria
Israel
Burkina Faso
Croatia
Argentina
Egypt
Mongolia
Bangladesh
Brunei Darussalam
Paraguay
Yemen
Czech Republic
Senegal
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Thailand

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for
development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization:
facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world
economy in the twenty-first century)*

Ministerial round tables-cum-informal panels

The first event, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held *today*, 20 September 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Salomão Manhica, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Pekka Tarjanne, former Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The second event, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held *today*, 20 September, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic Social Affairs; Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Mr. Irfan ul Haque, Consultant to the G-24.

[Documents HLD/CRP.1, CRP.2 and CRP.3]

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Thursday, 20 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS ON FOURTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

11 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 8

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Briefing

Briefing on the Third Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission for Sustainable Development (held in Jakarta, 5-6 September 2001) acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held *today*, 20 September 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Representatives of Member States, Major Groups and interested organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 21 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.

6th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]

The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

The Fifth Committee will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3 with a view to electing its Bureau.

The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

In the light of the decision taken by the General Assembly to schedule the general debate of its fifty-sixth session for later dates, the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which was to be held from 25 to 27 September 2001 in New York, will also be scheduled for later dates.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Na-

tions programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open until Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are

kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

At its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly was informed by its President that he had consulted with the Chairmen of regional groups and it was understood that the general debate, which had been envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September, to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. All side events related to the special session are also postponed.

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There will be a meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Group on Friday, 21 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

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The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/france>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 3rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2001/182).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit. Barcelona, 20 April 1921

*Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5 September 2001)**

Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern. Barcelona, 20 April 1921

*Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5 September 2001)**

Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern. Barcelona, 20 April 1921

*Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5 September 2001)**

Declaration recognising the Right to a Flag of States having no Sea-coast. Barcelona, 20 April 1921

*Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5 September 2001)**

Convention and Statute on the International Régime of Maritime Ports. Geneva, 9 December 1923

*Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5 September 2001)**

Amendments to the Agreement establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development. Islamabad, 21 January 1999

*Acceptance: Republic of Korea (14 September 2001)**

Entry into force: 14 December 2001, in accordance with article 14 (1) of the Agreement as amended.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

*Ratification: Sierra Leone (17 September 2001)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 20 September 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

In the light of the tragic event of last week, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations regrets to inform that the official opening of the exhibit "Amazed World", scheduled for Friday, 21 September 2001, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 29 October 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 21 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Morning* 4379th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/868)

3 p.m. 4380th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic pursuant to the statement by the President (S/2001/886)

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m.

6th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]:

Mongolia
 Bangladesh
 Paraguay
 Yemen
 Czech Republic
 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
 Thailand
 Nepal
 Nauru
 Guatemala
 Maldives
 Myanmar
 Bolivia
 Nigeria

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
 AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -
 1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
 Room 10

3 p.m. -
 6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
 Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the Board of Auditors

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 21 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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ARAB GROUP

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (informal consultations)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	7th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	8th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/56/1) [10]:

- (a) Presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization
- (b) Debate

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.1*.

* To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 27 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.1*, in the light of the Chairman's consultations.

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3, with a view to electing its Bureau.

The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the High Level Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Third Committee agenda items*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) will hold a seminar on "Time to Control Tactical Nuclear Weapons" on Monday, 24 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please call (212) 963-2874.

Workshop

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3rd plenary meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of the items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250) [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/56/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I and II of the report of the General Committee.

However, with regard to the dates of the general debate, the President informed the General Assembly that he had consulted the Chairmen of the regional groups and that it was understood that the general debate, which was envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates. The President further informed the Assembly that the new dates for the general debate would be decided as soon as possible, in close consultations with the host country and Member States.

In this connection, inasmuch as paragraph 31 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 stipulates that "Main Committees shall meet in substantive sessions only after the end of the general debate", the Assembly decided that the Main Committees should meet in substantive sessions as soon as possible at the fifty-sixth session.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly decided that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 to include a new item 21 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", with items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda becoming sub-items (a) to (1) of new item 21.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60, that the consideration of item 106 be deferred to the fifty-seventh session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 61 to include item 182.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62 to include item 183.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 63 to include item 184 in the agenda of the current session as sub-item (m) of new item 21.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 64 to include item 185.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 65 to include item 186.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 66 to include item 187.

In paragraph 67, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 188.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 68 to include item 189.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 69 to include item 190.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 70 of its report (A/56/250) and consisting of 176 items.

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Items 7 to 176

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 176.

Allocation of the items (Section IV)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraphs 71 to 74 of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250).

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal by Belgium, that the initial debate on item 166 would be held in the plenary as early as possible, on the understanding that the consideration of the technical aspects of the item would remain in the Sixth Committee.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The President recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 70 of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250).

In regard to item 10, inasmuch as paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241 stipulates that "the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate" and in view of the scheduling of the general debate for future dates, the General Assembly decided that it would begin consideration of item 10 on Monday, 24 September 2001. Furthermore, inasmuch as paragraph 10 of the annex to resolution 51/241 requests "the Secretary-General to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time" and since at previous sessions the General Assembly had heard a brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate, the General Assembly was informed that the first order of business under item 10 would be the brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report.

Also in regard to item 10, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285.

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (b).

In regard to item 21, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 78 (c).

In regard to item 25, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 78 (d).

In regard to item 45, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (e).

In regard to item 62, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (f).

In regard to item 171, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (g).

In regard to item 175, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (h).

In regard to item 74, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 79.

In regard to item 97 (c), the General Assembly took note of paragraph 80.

In regard to item 27, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 81 (a).

In regard to item 108, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 81 (b).

In regard to item 112, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 81 (c).

In paragraph 82 the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of item 169.

In regard to item 170, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (a).

In regard to item 172, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (b).

In regard to item 173, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (c).

In regard to item 174, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (d).

In regard to item 176, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (e).

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 84 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 84 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

Thursday, 20 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4376th (closed) meeting

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of Interior of Angola

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4376th meeting, held in private at 3 p.m. on 20 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of the Interior of Angola".

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of the Interior of Angola.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Minister of the Interior of Angola."

4377th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/24).

4378th (closed) meeting

The situation in Burundi

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4378th meeting, held in private on 20 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

"The Security Council heard briefings under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure by the Representative of the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process, Judge Mark Bomani, and the Representative of the Facilitator to the Implementation Monitoring Committee, Professor Nicholas Haysom.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Representative of the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process and the Representative of the Facilitator to the Implementation Monitoring Committee."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

4th and 5th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 4th and 5th plenary meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/183).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Rwanda (19 September 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Signature: Panama (20 September 2001)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Luxembourg (20 September 2001)

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Signature: Spain (20 September 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the light of the tragic event of last week, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations regrets to inform that the official opening of the exhibit "Amazed World", scheduled for today, 21 September 2001, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 29 October 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In the light of the tragic event of last week, the exhibit "Playgrounds and Toys for Children", organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 18 November 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has launched a multi-media Web site honouring his years of service to the Organization (1953-1961) ([http:// www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/](http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/)).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

10.30 a.m.

Iraq ("Oil-for-food" Programme)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.

7th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

3 p.m.

8th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/56/1 and Add.1 and Corr.1) [10]:

(a) Presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization

(b) Debate

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Eighth session

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on privileges and immunities of
the Court

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations on rules of procedure of the As-
sembly of States parties

WORKING GROUP ON
THE CRIME OF AGRESSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 2
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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the
Preparatory Commission.

WORKING GROUP ON
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

3 p.m. -
6 p.m.

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Room

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Confere
Room

3 p.m. -
6 p.m.

closed meeting

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Room

Subject

Comprehensive review of the whole question of pea-
keeping operations in all their aspects

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 24 September 2001

GROUP OF 77 (on Third Committee agenda items)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) will hold a seminar on "Time to Control Tactical Nuclear Weapons" on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please call (212) 963-2874.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its informal consultations on Tuesday, 2 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect other members of the Bureau and to consider and approve its programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/56/CRP.1)*.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977I; tel.: (212) 963-4866), as soon as possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad K. Saitar, Secretary of the First Committee, room S-2977H (fax: (212) 963-5305).

* To be issued.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 3 October, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1, to elect other members of the Bureau and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/56/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 8 October (see document A/C.4/56/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that names of representatives, alternates and advisers should be submitted to Ms. L. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax:

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.1*. Copies of the revised draft programme of work are now available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 27 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.1*, in the light of the Chairman's consultations.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 8.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

In the light of the decision taken by the General Assembly to schedule the general debate of its fifty-sixth session for later dates, the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which was to be held from 25 to 27 September 2001 in New York, will also be scheduled for later dates.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open until Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

At its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly was informed by its President that he had consulted with the Chairmen of regional groups and it was understood that the general debate, which had been envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September, to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

4th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97(c)]

The President recalled that, in accordance with a decision taken previously, two ministerial round tables-cum-informal panels would be held in addition to plenary meetings.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Eladio Loizaga, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the first ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on the sub-theme entitled "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries".

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the second ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on the sub-theme entitled "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts".

The General Assembly decided that the Rapporteurs would present a summary of the discussions in their respective ministerial round table-cum-informal panels at the concluding meeting of the high-level dialogue.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Sergey Ordzhonikidze, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey) and Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Norman Nicholson, Director of the Office of Development Partnership in the Bureau for Policy and Programme Coordination of the United States, Agency for International Development; and the representatives of South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, China, Romania, Mexico, Algeria, and Pakistan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 166 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) would be taken up on Monday, 1 October 2001, in the morning.

5th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97(c)]

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Tunisia, Japan, India, Ghana, Brazil, Malaysia, Norway, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono, Director-General for Foreign Economic Relations of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychoy, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; and by the representatives of Israel, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Argentina and Egypt.

High-level dialogue on
strengthening international economic
cooperation for development through partnership

Ministerial round-table-cum-informal panels (first event)

Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris (Greece), introduced the Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Eladio Loizaga (Paraguay), and made an introductory statement.

Mr. Salomão Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission of Mozambique; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Pekka Tarjanne, former Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, made presentations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique, Indonesia, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Mexico, Kenya and Paraguay, as well as by the observer of the European Community.

The panellists replied to statements and comments made by delegations.

Ministerial round-table-cum-informal panels (second event)

Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Dumisana Shadrack Kumalo (South Africa), introduced the Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru (Republic of Moldova), and made introductory remarks.

Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Mr. Irfan ul Haque, Consultant to the G-24, made presentations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Mexico, Cameroon, the United States, South Africa and Bolivia, as well as by the observer of the European Community.

The panellists replied to statements and comments made by delegations.

Friday, 21 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4379th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/868)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium and Bosnia and Herzegovina, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Petritsch and Mr. Klein.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Ireland, Jamaica, China, the Russian Federation, Norway, Bangladesh, Mali, Colombia, Mauritius and Singapore, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Petritsch and Mr. Klein responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4380th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic pursuant to the statement by the President (S/2001/886)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, the Central African Republic and Egypt, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to General Lamine Cissé, Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Bangui, Central African Republic, and Mr. Robert Calderisi, Country Director of the World Bank.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings under rule 39 by General Lamine Cissé and Mr. Robert Calderisi.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, Ukraine, Tunisia, United States, China, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Singapore, Ireland, Norway, Mauritius, Jamaica and Colombia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the

Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Egypt.

Mr. Cissé and Mr. Calderisi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

6th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97(c)]

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Mongolia, Bangladesh, Paraguay, Yemen, the Czech Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, Nepal, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Guatemala, Maldives, Myanmar, Bolivia and Nigeria.

The Rapporteur of the ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitat-

ing access to information and communication technology for developing countries presented his summary report.

The Rapporteur of the ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts presented his summary report.

The President presented his summary of the final outcome of the high-level dialogue.

The high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership was thus concluded.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Cyprus (20 September 2001)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Lesotho (20 September 2001)*

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Accession: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

Entry into force: 20 October 2001, in accordance with article 19 (1) of the Convention.

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitations to war crimes and crimes against humanity. New York, 26 November 1968

Accession: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

South Africa

H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:

Viet Nam

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chau

Eastern European States:

Czech Republic

H.E. Mr. Vladimír Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Guyana

Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott

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Western European and other States:

Greece

H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris

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